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## **MSU unveils the Center for Health, Education and Research**

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews was joined by Gov. Steve Beshear along with local legislators and officials from the University of Kentucky and St. Claire Regional Medical Center August 27 for the dedication of the Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER).

The four-story 90,000 square foot state-of-the art structure is located on the campus of St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

"This is an historic day for healthcare and public higher education in East Kentucky," said President Andrews.

"Opening such a facility as a partnership of a public regional university, a land grant university and a public, nonprofit hospital corporation is a first for Kentucky and perhaps the nation."

The \$30 million facility is the largest construction project in the history of MSU.

"I am pleased to join an exciting partnership – made up of Morehead State University, the University of Kentucky and St. Claire Regional Medical Center -- in the dedication of the Center for Health, Education and Research," said Gov. Steve Beshear.

"This unique venture is an innovative approach to addressing this community's needs while educating the next generation of medical professionals. And long term, the public-private partnership forged by these three entities will open many doors for graduates, as they will be trained in one of top medical facilities in the state. The Center for Health, Education and Research serves as an incredible example of our ability to find creative solutions to complex issues."

Also speaking during the event were Mark J. Neff, president and CEO of St. Claire Regional, UK President Lee T. Todd Jr., State Reps. Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, John Will Stacy, D-West Liberty, and Sen. Walter Blevins, D-Morehead. MSU also named an endowed fellowship along with a conference suite after Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology. For his 42 years of service to the University as a faculty member and administrator.

The Center is considered the first such partnership involving a regional public university, a land grant university and a private, nonprofit hospital corporation.

A variety of programs will be housed in the new building; including MSU's bachelor's and associate degrees in nursing, associate degree in radiologic sciences, and bachelor's degrees in computed tomography/magnetic resonance and diagnostic medical sonography.

The facility also will host St. Claire Regional's family medicine clinic, family medicine residency, certified registered nurse anesthetist program and the Northeast Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC).



The University of Kentucky's College of Medicine will operate its Rural Physician Leadership Program, the third and fourth year of medical school, as well as the Center for Excellence in Rural Health, the Office of Research and Engagement for Advancing Community Health (REACH) and the Kentucky Homeplace Program.

CHER also will house the master's degree in physician assistant studies of UK's College of Health Sciences.

According to Andrews, Neff and Todd, a number of other program opportunities are being discussed with UK's Colleges of Dentistry, Pharmacy and Public Health.

In terms of its impact on the region, the opening of CHER will result in the creation of a number of new, high paying jobs as educational programs and clinical programs are established and expanded.

The facility is expected to markedly improve the supply of urgently-needed healthcare professionals by allowing local students to train and remain near their hometowns to practice.

The significantly-expanded SCR Family Medicine Clinic will improve citizen access to primary care service. The new facility will serve as an important recruitment tool for Morehead State University and St. Claire Regional.

CHER has allowed the UK College of Medicine to develop its first regional site in Kentucky, enhancing the rural health research capacity in the region and providing medical students with the knowledge and experience necessary to work with civic and community leaders to improve the general health of their communities. These medical students, receiving rural clinical practice from the St. Claire Regional Medical Center and additional curricular content in business, information technology and health policy for a required Certificate in Health Systems Leadership from MSU's College of Business and Public Affairs, will gain the knowledge and training regarding community health to help solve the acute shortage of physicians in the rural areas of the Commonwealth.

## **MSU wins 10th OVC Institutional Academic Achievement Award**

MSU Athletics won the Ohio Valley Conference's Institutional Academic Achievement Award for 2009-10. It marks a league-record 10th time in 24 years that MSU has been awarded the OVC's highest academic honor.

**MSU top ranked college for 7th straight year**

Morehead State University has been recognized for the seventh consecutive year as one of the foremost public universities in the South in the 2011 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report.

The newest rankings include MSU as 22nd in the Top Public University-Master's/South division.

The rankings place emphasis on acceptance rates, graduation rates, admissions selectivity, and small class sizes. Morehead State is consistently recognized for relatively small classes and a high percentage of full-time faculty members, two important factors of student success.

**Worley first university certified drug recognition expert**

Morehead State University's Police Department has been recognized for having the first University police officer in the Commonwealth of Kentucky certified as a Drug Recognition Expert.

Officer Leah Worley, a four-year member of the force, completed a three-week training course that certifies her to conduct specialized evaluations of suspected substance users pending criminal charges in Rowan County.

**Star Theater has successful first year**

Morehead State University's Space Science Center Star Theater has had a successful first year.

Nearly 13,000 visitors came to the MSU campus, according to Eric Thomas, Theater director. He stated 11,226 were either MSU or public school students while the other 1,627 were general public.



Officer David Gavin trains on one of the two Segways donated to the MSUPD.

**MSUPD receives two Segways**

When MSU's fall term began, officers with the University's Police Department had a new way to efficiently and effectively patrol campus streets and sidewalks thanks to the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center's (NLECTC) Small, Rural, Tribal, and Border Regional Center (SRTB-RC).

SRTB-RC, one of the public safety programs hosted by The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, presented two Segway Personal Transporters to the MSU Police Department on Wednesday, Aug. 18.

**Rogers announces \$340,880 grant**

U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-05) announced that Morehead State University has been awarded a \$340,880 grant under the United States Department of Education Student Support Services Program.

The is a five-year grant that is intended to provide academic and other support services to low-income, first-generation or disabled college students.



Recipients of the distinguished faculty and staff awards were recognized at the Fall Convocation held Wednesday, Aug. 18. They include, from left, Dr. Janet McCoy, assistant professor of advertising and public relations, Distinguished Faculty Service Award; Dr. Katy Carlson, associate professor of English, Distinguished Researcher; Greg Wing, associate professor of music, Distinguished Teacher; Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology, Distinguished Staff Service Award; Gary Mesa-Gaido, professor of art, Distinguished Creative Productions Award; and President Wayne D. Andrews.